

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, December 4, 1995, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was in Washington, D.C. but left his votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Rowe was attending the EPRI - Power System Management School in California but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott
Utility Division

(527) In the matter of MDU - DOCKET NO. D95.11.167; On November 16, 1995, MDU filed an application to issue \$30,000,000 of promissory notes pursuant to a revolving credit agreement on or before December 31, 1997. The promissory notes issued under this revolving credit agreement will be for varying terms, provided that no note will have a maturity date later than December 31, 1998. Payment of the notes will be made from internally generated funds and permanent financing. Commissioner Fisher moved to grant Default Order No. 5882. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(528) FERDIG OIL COMPANY vs. MPC - DOCKET NO. D95.11.172; Ferdig Oil Company filed a Complaint against MPC alleging failure to provide natural gas transportation service on its transmission system. Ferdig also requested an expedited proceeding. Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a Notice to the Defendant, under ARM 38.2.2105, directing the defendant to satisfy the complaint or answer the same in writing within 10 days. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang
Transportation Division

(529) In the matter of Docket T-95.69.PCN; Anaconda Disposal Service, Inc., 106 E. Commercial, Anaconda, Montana filed an application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing the following:

Class D - Garbage between all points in any direction from a radius of ten (10) miles outside of the City of Anaconda to the exterior boundaries of Deer Lodge County.

No protests have been received.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the application for the expansion of authority. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and

Rowe voted aye.

(530) In the matter of DOCKET T-95.68.ST; Fischer's Storage and Transfer, Inc., Glasgow, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 2762 to Glasgow Moving & Storage, Inc., Glasgow, Montana. Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) with shipments originating from Valley County to all points in the State of Montana, and from all points in the State of Montana to destinations in Valley County, Montana.

No protests have been received.

Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the transfer of PSC No. 2762. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(531) In the matter of Docket T-95.74.ST; Michael R. Dugan dba ABC Cab Company, Kila, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 9304 to Johnnie M. Cook dba Lincoln County Medical Transport, Libby, Montana.

Class B - Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places in Lincoln and Sanders Counties. Limitations: Transportation of railway crews is prohibited. Transportation by limousine is prohibited.

No protests have been received.

Commissioner Fisher moved to grant the transfer of PSC No. 9304. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(532) In the matter of Docket T-95.47.PCN; Ron & Debbie Kindsfather dba Billings Trolley Co., Billings, Montana filed an application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Parties have stipulated to the following grant of authority:

Class B - Passengers between all points and places within Big Horn, Carbon, Musselshell, Stillwater, and Yellowstone Counties. Limitations: 1. Transportation must originate and terminate in Yellowstone County (originate in and return to Yellowstone County). 2. Transportation is restricted to not more than twenty-six (26) passengers or less than six (6) passengers. 3. Transportation is restricted to that provided by a vintage attraction trolley car or trolley bus, converted to nonelectric drive. 4. Transportation of Burlington Northern crews is prohibited. 5. Service is restricted to that provided by reservation made at least one (1) hour in advance. 6. Transportation in charter service is prohibited.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the stipulated grant of authority. Commissioner Oberg

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(533) In the matter of the approval of the January 1996 Calendar; Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the calendar. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, December 5, 1995, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were absent, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Will Rosquist

(534) In the matter TECOM - Docket No. 94.7.25; Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the staff draft as revised per previous Commission direction reducing TECOM access rates as a final order. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Ron Woods

(535) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mountain Water Company's letter on PSC tax implementation - Docket No. D95.10.54; Commissioner Oberg moved to allow Mountain Water to adopt their alternative to accrue the PSC tax on earnings for its Missoula Division and adjust the Superior rates in its upcoming rate case. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel

(536) In the matter of the Petrosky complaint - Docket No. D95.7.92; Commissioner Fisher moved to close the complaint and docket as resolved. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, December 11, 1995, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent due to airline connection problems in Salt Lake City, Utah.
He faxed his votes to the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(537) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - DOCKET NO. 95.3.6; On November 16, 1995, MPC filed a second amendment in this Docket which indicated that the cost estimate for workforce reduction has increased from \$4,389,344 to \$8,519,715. Commissioner Fisher moved to grant Accounting Order No. 5835b which authorizes MPC to defer \$8,519,715 for a period not to exceed two years. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(538) In the matter of USWC - DOCKET NO. N95.11.176; On November 28, 1995, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 95-32 to introduce Anonymous Call Rejection as a new Caller ID feature. Anonymous Call Rejection would allow Caller ID subscribers to reject calls that are placed to them from blocked lines. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff.

Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(539) In the matter of CLARK FORK TELECOMM. - DOCKET NO. N95.11.170; On November 22, 1995, Clark Fork Telecommunications filed to introduce a number of CLASS features including Caller ID, Caller ID Blocking, Anonymous Caller Rejection, Continuous Redial and Customer Originated Trace. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the CLASS features with an added paragraph that includes his "stickers on the phone" suggestion. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Fisher, Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

(540) In the matter USWC - DOCKET NO. N95.10.155; On October, 19, 1995, USWC proposed to designate the Timberline Creek development in the Bozeman exchange a Project Area for the application of construction charges. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the proposal. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(541) In the matter of ALLNET COMMUNICATIONS - DOCKET NO. N95.11.168; On November 20, 1995, Allnet filed revised tariff pages to reflect its name change to Allnet Communication Services, Inc., d/b/a/ Frontier Communications Services. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the revised tariff pages. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang
Transportation Division

(542) In the matter of TN1759; Kurt Adam Slonka dba Captain's Chair, Kalispell, Montana PSC No. 9368 requests permission to suspend the authority for the period December 11, 1995 to May 1, 1996. Class B - Nonemergency medical and psychiatric patients from Flathead and Lincoln Counties to medical appointments at health care facilities in Missoula County and return; from Lincoln County to medical appointments at health care facilities in Flathead County and return. Limitations: 1) Transportation of passengers in charter service is prohibited. 2) Transportation is limited to vehicles with a passenger capacity of eight (8) or less.

Commissioner Rowe to suspend PSC No. 9368 for 6 months. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(543) In the matter of TN1760; James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Company, Gillette, Wyoming requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9297 to Kenneth W. Griffith dba Ken Griffith Excavating, Baker, Montana for a one year period December 28, 1995 to December 28, 1996.

Class D - Garbage, solid waste, debris between all points and places in Fallon, Carter and Wibaux County.

Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the continuation to lease PSC No. 9297 for one year.

Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCaffree, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, December 13, 1995, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent, but left his proxy to Commissioner Anderson.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Will Rosquist

(544) In the matter of N-94.58 - Ronan Telephone Company; Commissioner Oberg moved to close docket, notice a new docket and incorporate all material in its previous docket. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye for Commissioner Rowe.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Mike Sheard

(545) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the EAS filing of US West Communications - Docket No. D95.10.146; Commissioner Fisher moved to grant USWC's request for a Protective Order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye for Commissioner Rowe.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Dan Elliott

(546) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of pending motions, objections and responses in the Montana Power Company's general rate case - Docket No. D95.9.128; Commissioner Anderson moved to accept the staffs' recommendations on Montana Consumer Counsel objections to MPC's responses to MPC Data Requests. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye for Commissioner Rowe.

Commissioner Oberg moved to accept the staffs' recommendations on Ferdig and Paladin, including an additional issue on Rate Design/COS study and competitiveness. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye for Commissioner Rowe.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dan Elliott

(547) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's gas tracking docket - Docket No. 94.11.50; Commissioner Fisher moved to adopt staffs' recommendation and direct Paladin to respond to MPC 1-012(a) and (b). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye for Commissioner Rowe.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, December 18, 1995, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott
Utility Division

(548) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - DOCKET D95.9.128; On December 8, 1995, the Commission received a petition for late intervention from MHA Ventures, Inc. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the request for late intervention with the provision that there be no interruption to the procedural in the docket. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(549) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - DOCKET D95.9.128; On December 12, 1995, the Commission received a petition for late intervention from Westcoast gas Service's (America), Inc. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the request for late intervention with the provision that there be no interruption to the procedural in the docket. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(550) In the matter of MOUNTAIN WATER CO (SUPERIOR) - DOCKETS 94.10.46 AND 94.12.62; Action on final order accepting stipulation in rate increase proceeding and closing the docket on a service complaint. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve Final Order

No. 5876A

and Final Order No. 5827B. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(551) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - DOCKET D95.12.181; On December 5, 1995, MPC filed an application seeking authority to incur up to \$150,000,000 principal amount of long-term debt in the form of medium term notes until January 1, 1999. Commissioner Fisher moved to grant Default Order No. 5885. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(552) In the matter of PACIFICORP - DOCKET D95.12.178; On December 4, 1995, PP&L filed an application seeking authority (1) to issue and sell not more than \$750,000,000 of debt, (2) to enter into credit support arrangements and (3) to enter into currency exchanges. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Default Order No. 5886. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(553) In the matter of CITIZENS TELECOM N95.12.179; On December 4, 1995, Citizens filed Tariff Transmittal 95-02 to eliminate multi-party services and mileage charges in its Troy office and to decrease the PSC Fee. These changes comply with Commission orders and should be approved. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang
Transportation Division

(554) In the matter of Docket TN1761; McLeod Mercantile Inc., Norris, Montana has requested permission to cancel Montana PSC No. 1432:

Class C - Property within the town of Harrison, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said town.

Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Fisher moved to cancel PSC No. 1432. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(555) In the matter of Docket TN1762; A.M. Welles, Inc., Norris, Montana has requested cancellation of Montana PSC No. 1861.

Class C - Property, within the Town of Norris, Montana and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said town. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Fisher moved to cancel PSC No. 1861. Commissioner Rowe seconded

the motion,
which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, December 19, 1995, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dave Burchett, Karen Hammel

(556) In the matter of PTI's Rate Case 95.9.143; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a Notice of Rate Application and request for comments on waiver. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Sheard, Karen Hammel

(557) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Project and Valley Telephone Company's tariff filings for Class Services and Switch 56 - N95.11.173 and N95.11.174; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the filings on an interim basis, in part tariffed and detariffed, and issue a Notice of Commission Action. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Sheard, Denise Peterson

(558) In the matter of Docket 94.1.4 - Renewable energy NOI and the Commission's discussion of Staff Draft Final Order; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the staff draft subject to editing corrections. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Fisher, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Mike Lee, Robin McHugh

(559) In the matter of Docket No. 95.6.30 - Montana Power Company's Integrated Least Cost Resource Plan; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue the draft order as amended during discussion. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion; which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Robin McHugh

(560) In the matter of Docket No. 93.7.29 - Montana Power Company's Cost of Service and Rate Design Issues; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant a petition for a 60 day delay in the filing of the COS/RDC, deny request for an expedited schedule for consideration of that docket. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Fisher, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE

Mike Sheard, Martin Jacobson

(561) In the matter of Docket No. D95.10.146 - Extended Area Service follow-up; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to prepare individual notices for the 6 regions. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Anderson moved, as a substitute motion, to separate Great Falls from the original draft for regional proceeding. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fisher moved to grant the Protective Orders as requested by extending the protective order in D95.10.146 to 95.6.31 and D95.10.147. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, December 21, 1995, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Fisher was absent, but left his proxy to Commissioner Anderson on this item.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang

(562) In the matter of Docket TN1764 - City of Helena/Lease of Class D Authority; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the continued lease of Mergenthalers operating authority (PSC No. 9377) to City of Helena for one year. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted Commissioner Fisher aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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